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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. VAC.702.US

First Inventor TUMEY, David

Title Vacuum Assisted Wound Treatment Apparatus and Infection Identification System and Method

Express Mail Label No. EV034163643US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 13]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]
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 a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
 (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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 - ii. paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

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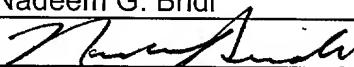
Prior application information.

Examiner _____

Group Art Unit _____

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 740.00)				

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	9	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	2	-20** =	0 x 18.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent		-3*** =	0 x 84.00	0.00
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Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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"VACUUM ASSISTED WOUNT TREATMENT APPARATUS AND
INFECTION IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD"
Inventor: Tumey, David
Filed: 4 March 2002
Attorney Docket No.: VAC.702.US

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed herewith, please find the following for filing in the above referenced new matter:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (1 sheet);
2. Fee Transmittal and copy thereof (2 sheets);
3. Application Data Sheet (3 sheets)
4. Specification for "VACUUM ASSISTED WOUNT TREATMENT APPARATUS AND INFECTION IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD" (13 pages);
5. Drawings (2 sheets); and
6. Self-addressed itemized postcard to be returned upon receipt.

Please charge the filing fee, and any additional fee required, to Deposit Account no. 50-0326, which is calculated to be \$740.00. A copy of this letter and Fee Transmittal is attached for accounting purposes.

Please contact the undersigned for any questions or concerns at (210) 255-4543. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

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